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On April 3, Kuwait's highest court, the Court of Cassation, upheld the not guilty verdicts of five former Guantanamo detainees on terror-related charges. The defendants, Abdul Aziz Al-Shimmari, Mohammad Al-Dihani, Sa'ad Al-Azmi, Adel Al-Zamel and Abdullah Al-Ajmi, were transferred to Kuwait in November, 2005, found not guilty at trial in May, 2006, and had the verdicts upheld by the Court of Appeal in July, 2006. With these decisions, two cases of former Guantanamo detainees, transferred to Kuwait in September, 2006, remain pending in the Kuwaiti court system. These two defendants were found not guilty at trial in March and an appeal of that decision is before the Court of Appeal.

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